



PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Barany et al.)
Serial No. : 10/662,199)
Cnfrm. No. : 9453)
Filed : September 12, 2003)
For : A THERMOSTABLE LIGASE MEDIATED)
DNA AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE)
DETECTION OF GENETIC DISEASES)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the December 22, 2004, written restriction requirement, applicant hereby elects Group III (i.e. claims 5-6) with traverse. Applicant submits that the claims of the present application are closely related and, therefore, require common areas of search and consideration. Since no benefit is derived from imposing this restriction requirement, it should be withdrawn in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 8, 2005



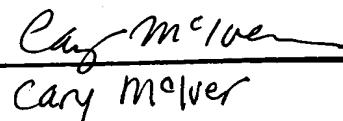
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